



Birds of Moores Creek

Whether perching in the trees, wading in the creek, flying overhead, or singing from the shrubs, many types of birds specialize in a life in the pine savannah. Use this brochure to see how many birds you can find on your hike today.



Pileated Woodpecker
Dryocopus pileatus
laugh-like wik-wik-wik-wik, ramping up in speed.

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Field Marks

In addition to size, shape, location and behavior, field marks can be used to help identify birds. If you can't identify a bird on your hike, remembering what certain parts of the bird looked like can help you identify it when you get home. On your birding adventure, try to find a bird you don't know and see if it has any of the following field marks:

wing bars
Does the bird have wing bars or patches?

nape
Is the bird's nape a different color?

crown
Does the bird have a colored "cap" or a crest on its head?

eyestripe
Does the bird have a stripe through the eye?

eyebrow
Does the bird have an eyebrow? What color?

tail bars
Are there any stripes across the bird's tail?

tail markings
Does the bird have white edges on its tail or a different color on the tip?

belly
What color is the bird's belly?

side
Does the bird have coloring on the sides?

breast
Does the breast have speckles or bands of color?

throat
Is the bird's throat a different color?

Blue Jay
Cyanocitta cristata
harsh "jayy"

beak or bill
What shape and color are the beak?

What kind of bird is that?

When identifying birds, start by observing their location and behavior. Is the bird up high, making noise? Or is it on the ground, digging in leaves?

Next, observe its appearance. Is it big like a crow, or small like a sparrow? Does it have pointy wings, or a long tail? What color is it? And what sort of markings does it have?

These things can help you identify the birds you are looking at!

Check off the birds you find on your hike today!



○ Turkey Vulture
Cathartes aura
low, throaty hissing

○ American Goldfinch
Spinus tristis
"po-ta-to-chip"

○ Eastern Bluebird
Sialia sialis
low, soft, varied warbling "tru-ly"



○ American Crow
Corvus brachyrhynchos
"caw, caw, caw"



○ Red-bellied Woodpecker
Melanerpes carolinus
"kwirrr"



○ Carolina Chickadee
Poecile carolinensis
rapid "chickadee-dee-dee"



○ Summer Tanager
Piranga rubra
perussive "pi-ti-tuk"

○ Red-cockaded Woodpecker
Dryobates borealis
raspy "sklit"

○ Yellow-rumped Warbler
Setophaga coronata
high, slurred warble



○ Red-headed Woodpecker
Melanerpes erythrocephalus
raspy "Churr Churr"



○ Yellow Warbler
Setophaga petechia
"sweet sweet sweet I'm so sweet"



○ Tufted Titmouse
Baeolophus bicolor
fast "peter peter peter"



○ Wood Duck
Aix sponsa
Loud, squeaky "'oo-eek, oo-eek'"
or "what, what, what"

○ Chipping Sparrow
Spizella passerina
Long trill of 'chips'



○ American Robin
Turdus migratorius
"plurri, kliwi, plurri, kliwi"



○ Northern Cardinal
Cardinalis cardinalis
"cheer, cheer, cheer"

